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A THANKSGIVING VACATION BREAK FOR CALPEEK

We'll be off next week for Thanksgiving, but resume work on Nov. 30th for **Calpeek's** final issue of the year, which will be dated Dec. 7th. Issue #44 will include the *Who's Hot & Who's Not* column. Get your nominations in via fax or e-mail. Here's wishing all **Calpeek** readers a happy Thanksgiving Holiday...



PROP. 3: JONES SCRAMBLES TO INSURE DEMOS & GOP ACCEPT CALIF. OPEN PRIMARY RESULTS.

Editor's note: Because of the defeat of Prop. 3 on Nov. 3rd's ballot, CA Sec. of State Bill Jones(R) is trying to come up with a solution to make Calif.'s open primary law acceptable to the RNC & DNC when it comes to selecting presidential candidates. Here's our brief update & analysis...

...The latest chapter in this ongoing political saga is that Jones is urging the RNC and DNC to *change their rules* to seat presidential delegates selected from Calif. based on the OPEN primary results. And even Gov.-elect Gray Davis(D) says he is trying to get VP Al Gore on Calif.'s side in this ongoing mess. But **Calpeek** sources believe the RNC and DNC will stick to their guns and not allow cross-party voting for president in Calif.'s open primary. If this problem is not solved, then Calif.'s Mar. 7, 2000 primary is nothing more than a presidential *beauty contest*...

...A possible solution. SOS Bill Jones has a plan that would allow the 58 county registrars to *code their*

ballots and have two(2) counts: an open presidential primary count and then a separate a count for president by political party. Under this plan, separate ballots would be given to voters, based on party affiliation. Remember: under the existing open primary law, separate ballots *are already provided* so that Demo & GOP voters can pick county central committee members. *However...*

...First, the Jones plan would have to be approved by the Legislature --- and that's not a given. Assemblyman Jack Scott(D-Pasadena), who wrote the arguments *against* Prop. 3, is ready to go to war on this. Second, while the counties have the ability to re-do their election software to handle this plan, there would be a cost, which would have to be picked up by the State...

...FYI: In case you missed it, AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT and WY are putting a Western States Mar. 11th primary together. The legislatures of each State must ratify this change, but that doesn't seem to be a problem. Combined with CA's Mar. 7th primary (including WA & OR) this gives Western States much more clout in the nominating process. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '99: OAKLAND MAYOR HARRIS VS. KEY ALAMEDA CO. DEMO IN 16th AD SPECIAL ELECTION.

Editor's note: State Senator-elect Don Perata(D-Oakland) will be giving up his 16th AD seat once he's sworn in on Dec. 7th. Sources expect a special election for sometime in early March. Here's a first look at this special...

...As of deadline time, there will be two key Demos vying for Perata's job: outgoing Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris and attorney Frank Russo, former head of the Alameda Co. Demo Central Cmt. and a key player with the CA Applicants' Attorneys (trial lawyers). There

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were others who looked briefly and then backed away once they found out who was taking sides for Harris and Russo...

...In Harris' corner are S.F. Mayor Willie Brown, U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee and Alameda Co. Sup. Keith Carson. And Perata himself is leaning in Harris' direction, but that's not final. Sources say BOE Member Johan Klehs (D), tilts slightly toward Harris (Klehs & Harris roomed together when they were both in the Assembly), but is currently neutral...

...Sources believe Russo will have a monster war chest (sources say he's already close to \$100,000) and he's lined up some heavy Demo endorsements, including LG-elect Cruz Bustamante, U.S. Rep. Lynn Woolsey and State Legislators Kevin Shelley, Virginia Strom-Martin and Liz Figueroa, plus former Assemblyman Tom Bates and soon-to-be former Assemblyman Mike Sweeney...

...Sources believe the Oakland Raider deal which brought Al Davis and his team back from L.A. to Oakland could emerge as a key issue. The deal has turned sour and now both Oakland and Alameda Co. have a lawsuit against Davis & the Raiders. And of course, this happened on Harris' watch...

...Sources report that Harris has hired his longtime consultant Richie Ross, as well as Whitehurst Campaigns to handle the vote by mail program. The Lew Edwards Group will handle Russo's campaign. FYI: pollster Alex Evans just came out of the field with survey data for Russo. Initial results show Russo has 39% hard-name ID and an additional 33% have heard of him. Harris has 85% hard-name ID, but only 15% give Harris a strong favorable rating...

...FYI: for the first time in nearly 50 years, there are no Black members in the State Legislature from Northern Calif. Stay tuned...

COUNCILWOMAN CHICK TO ADDRESS L.A. FORUM.
L.A. Councilwoman Laura Chick will address the L.A. Current Affairs Forum, 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, Dec. 8, Hyatt Regency Hotel, L.A. Chick's topic: *the Future of L.A. - Meeting Our Needs*. For info contact Emma Schafer ☎(213)627-7427...

CA INITIATIVES: 5 MEASURES ALREADY QUALIFIED. KEEP YOUR EYES ON INDIAN GAMING REFERENDUM

Editor's note: Here's an update on initiatives and legislative measures which will be on CA's next ballot. Normally that would be the Mar. 7, 2000 ballot, but there is a slight possibility of a special election in 1999...

◆ **Qualified - 1) Murder: Special Circumstances** - a statute by Sen. Quentin Kopp(I-S.F.) to amend Calif.'s penal code relating to murder; **2) Calif. Lottery: Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000** by Assemblyman Tony Cardenas(D-San Fernando); **3) Peace Officers**, a statute by State Sen. Richard Rainey(R-Contra Costa Co.) to amend sections of the penal code relating to peace officers; **4) Juvenile Crime. Initiative Statute** by Gov. Pete Wilson; and **5) Definition of Marriage. Initiative Statute** by State Sen. Pete Knight(R-Palm-dale). FYI: Although this last initiative will be controversial, our sources don't view it as a *wedge issue*...

◆ **Being Counted - 1)** another term limit initiative statute submitted by Sally Reed Impastato...

◆ **Referendum - Calif. Indian tribes** who favored **Prop. 5** and *oppose* the Pala Indian gaming agreement negotiated with Gov. Wilson and passed by the Legislature, submitted more than 750,000 signatures in October to nullify this law. 433,269 signatures are required. A court has placed the Pala Compact law on hold and if the referendum has the required signatures, then the compact ***would be nullified unless*** it is approved by a majority of voters in an election. And this same court also ruled that registrars ***don't*** have to report results before the Nov. 26th deadline. If the referendum were to qualify before Gov. Wilson leaves office, he has the authority to call a special election for 1999. Some very interesting political hardball games being played. Stay tuned...

CARVILLE & MATALIN TO ADDRESS BOMA CONFAB.

Political consultants James Carville & Mary Matalin will address the luncheon of the 3rd annual real estate conference sponsored by the Building Owners & Managers Assn. of Greater L.A. on Dec. 3 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in L.A. For info (213)629-2662...

CAMPAIGN '98: LATE RETURNS STILL COMING IN.

Editor's note: Here's yet another update on the Nov. 3rd election...

☒ **Turnout** - The total number of registered voters who cast ballots on Nov. 3rd is now 8,460,261 - or **56.5%** as of Nov. 18th. On Nov. 3rd the turnout was **50.9%**. What's of interest is that there are still a number of counties (almost all in Northern Calif.) who have not counted all their ballots...

☒ **Governor** - Gov.-elect Gray Davis(D) now leads AG Dan Lungren(R) by 1,611,209 votes. Davis is at 4.7 million vs. 3.1 million for Lungren --- and Davis still holds about a 20-pt. lead - **58.0%** vs. **38.4%**...

☒ **U.S. Senate** - Incumbent Barbara Boxer(D) still holds a 10-pt. lead over Matt Fong(R) - **53.1%** to **43.1%**. In raw numbers, Boxer holds a 817,334-vote lead over Fong and that number will probably go higher as more of these Bay area and Northern Calif. counties complete their counts...

☒ **10th AD** - GOPer Anthony Pescetti is the winner in this tight race with Demo legislative staffer Debra Gravert. With absentee ballots now counted, Pescetti won by just 437 votes. So the Assembly count is now **48 Demos** vs. **32 Republicans**. FYI: Pescetti's campaign saw the Gravert ambush 3 weeks out, but was struggling for funds. Had the CRP not been playing around in the Anaheim mayor's races (w/\$120,000 to losing candidate Bob Zemel), Pescetti's funding problems wouldn't have been so critical...

☒ **The Car Tax in Campaign '98** - Getting rid of the *car tax* may have started off as a GOP issue, but a number of Demo candidates used the vehicle license fee cut enacted by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Wilson as a key issue in their campaigns, including successful AG-elect Bill Lockyer(D); Sen.-elect Deborah Ortiz (D-6th SD); Assemblymen Mike Machado(D-17th) and Dennis Cardoza(D-26th); and State Sen. Steve Peace (D-Chula Vista). Stay tuned...

SOME INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CALPEEK.

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CAMPAIGN '98: SHERIFFS & DA ELECTION RESULTS.

Editor's note: Here are the key results in County DA and Sheriffs races...

☐ **Sheriffs Races** - Beginning in 1999 there will be 22 new sheriffs in Calif.'s 58 counties. 3 incumbents were defeated Nov. 3rd: Madera Co.'s Glenn Seymour by CHP Area Chief John Anderson; Sierra Co.'s Lee Adams by Retired PD Lt. Keith Ross; and of course L.A. Co.'s Sherman Block, who died 5 days before the election. Retired Chief Lee Baca won by a 61% vs. 39% margin...

...Other new sheriffs include: Scott Mackenzie(Butte); Richard Pierce(Fresno); Robert Shadley(Imperial); Pelk Richards(Mariposa); Tony Craver(Mendocino); Gordon Sonne(Monterey); Keith Royal(Nevada); Michael Carona(Orange); Leonard Gardner(Plumas); Lou Blanas(Sacto); Curtis Hill(San Benito); Pat Hedges(San Luis Obispo); Laurie Smith(Santa Clara); Jim Denney (Sutter); Clay Parker(Tehama); Dick Rogers(Tuolumne); Bob Brooks(Ventura); Ed Prieto(Yolo); and Virginia Black(Yuba). In case you missed it, Black from Yuba and Smith from Santa Clara are both *women*...

☐ **DAs** - There will be at least 12 new county DAs in 1999. The big upset took place in Mendocino Co., where incumbent DA Susan Massini, seeking a 4th term, was defeated by Norman L. Vroman, a Libertarian Party candidate. According to info supplied by the Libertarian Party, in 1991 Vroman was charged with felony tax evasion and failure to file returns. He was acquitted in federal court of the felony count, but was guilty of 5 misdemeanors and served 9 months in prison...

...Other new DAs include: Ronald Calhoun(Kings); Gary Luck(Lake); Robert Burns(Lassen); Paula Kamena(Marin); Tom Buckwalter(Modoc); Gary Lieberstein(Napa); Anthony Rackauckas(Orange); Gerald Shea(San Luis Obispo); Sharon O'Sullivan(Sierra); Gregg Cohen(Tehama); Patrick McGrath(Yuba); and Todd Riebe(Amador). Stay tuned...

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CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

Dec. 1-5	Nat'l League of Cities meeting, Kansas City.
Dec. 7	CA Legislature reconvenes.
Jan. 13	First day to file Declarations of Intent to become an L.A. City Council candidate.
Jan. 14-16	AAPC Annual Meeting, ANA Hotel, Washington DC.
Mar. 6-9	Nat'l League of Cities Congressional meeting, Washington DC.
Apr. 13	L.A. Muni Election.

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are few items, political and otherwise, worth noting...

■ **New Poll in S.F. Mayor's Race** - Is Mayor Willie Brown in political trouble? According to an S.F. Chron poll released Nov. 16th in the Matier & Ross column, Brown could be toast. The election will be held next November. 48% said if the election were held now, they wouldn't be inclined to vote for Brown. And Brown's favorable rating of 63% in 1996 has dropped to 40% now, with 44% having an unfavorable view. But in 1-on-1 matches against 3 potential rivals, Brown is a fairly solid winner against State Sen. Quentin Kopp (45% vs. 32%) and against former campaign consultant Clint Reilly (40% vs. 12%). However, when matched against the new chair of the Bd. of Supes, Tom Ammiano, Brown is in trouble: 37% vs. 35%. The poll was taken Nov. 5-8 by Baldassare Associates among 600 registered voters...

■ **More GOP Infighting** - While RNC Chair Jim Nicholson is fighting to save his job, GOP sources in Calif. say former CRP Chair Tirso del Junco is taking a very serious look at challenging CRP Treasurer Shawn Steel for the State party's #2 job as vice chair. These same sources say it doesn't appear that current CRP Vice Chair John McGraw will have a challenge to succeed Mike Schroeder as CRP chair next year...

■ **Legal News** - Dec. 3rd is the tentative date for a hearing on a motion to dismiss Richard Katz's lawsuit filed against consultant Richie Ross and State Sen. Richard Polanco(D-L.A.) - stemming from the June primary. The case will be heard in Van Nuys Superior Court. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: Former CA Controller & Assemblyman Ken Cory died Nov. 13 of prostate cancer. He was 61. In 1974, Cory consultant Carl D'Agostino invented one of the great all time campaign slogans of *the man the oil companies fear most*. Cory won and served until 1986. R.I.P...

● U.S. Rep. Ellen Tauscher(D-Pleasanton) has been named co-chair of the DCCC. The new chair of the DCCC (succeeding Martin Frost) is Patrick J. Kennedy of RI - son of U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy of MA...

● Bear Republic Political Services has a new home at 1926 Pacific Coast Hwy., Ste. 221, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. ☎(310)316-7201...

● Lisa Lopez has joined L.A.-based Diverse Strategies for Organizing. She was a field deputy for Assemblywoman Sally Havice...

● KCRA-TV reporter Greg Larson has been hired by Burson-Marsteller as a director in the firm's Sacto office...

CALPEEK'S MARKETPLACE NETWORK

● **National pro-Israel grassroots lobby** seeks Political Director/Asst. Director for its L.A. based regional office. Political outreach and development skills required. Excellent benefits. Salary based on experience. Fax resume in confidence to Director (323)937-8949...

● **Executive Director** for the 21st Century Institute for a Better Calif. The new Institute is searching for a part-time executive director to raise funds and manage its public education efforts in support of public-private partnerships. As the Institute grows the position will become full-time. For information, contact Bill Carlson, Executive Director of the Calif. Redevelopment Assn. (916)448-8760 or wcarlson@ca-redevelopment.org/...

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